

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A TN, HTN or STN liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal cell formed by two transparent substrates having surfaces which oppose
each other, an electrode layer provided on the inside of at least one of said two transparent
substrates and optionally superposed with an alignment layer, and a liquid crystal medium which
is present between the two transparent substrates,

a polarizer arranged outside said transparent substrates, or a pair of polarizers
sandwiching said substrates, and

at least one optical compensator,

~~Optical compensator for liquid crystal displays comprising~~

at least one O plate retarder,

at least one diacetyl cellulose (DAC) film having the optical properties of a negative C
plate being situated between the liquid crystal cell and at least one of said polarizers, it being
possible for the above elements to be separated, stacked, mounted on top of each other, coated on
top of each other or connected by means of adhesive layers.

2. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the average tilt angle θ_{ave} in said O plate retarder is from 2 to 88°.

3. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the tilt angle in said O plate retarder varies monotonously in a direction perpendicular to
the plane of the film from a minimum value θ_{min} at one surface of the film to a maximum value
 θ_{max} at the opposite surface of the film.

4. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~

wherein θ_{\min} is from 0 to 80°.

5. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein θ_{\max} is from 10 to 90°.

6. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the thickness of said O plate is from 0.1 to 10 μm .

B¹ 7. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the optical retardation of said O plate is from 6 to 300 nm.

8. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the thickness of said DAC film is from 20 to 200 μm .

9. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the on-axis optical retardation of said DAC film is from 2 to 100 nm.

10. (Currently Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein said O plate comprises a linear or crosslinked polymerized liquid crystalline material
with a tilted or splayed structure.

11. Cancelled

12. Cancelled

Please add new claims:

B² --13. (New) A twisted nematic or super twisted nematic mode liquid crystal display device
comprising:

a liquid crystal cell formed by two transparent substrates having surfaces which oppose

each other, an electrode layer provided on the inside of at least one of said two transparent substrates and optionally superposed with an alignment layer, and a liquid crystal medium which is present between the two transparent substrates,

a polarizer arranged outside said transparent substrates, or a pair of polarizers sandwiching said substrates, and

at least one optical compensator,

at least one O plate retarder,

at least one diacetyl cellulose (DAC) film having the optical properties of a negative C plate being situated between the liquid crystal cell and at least one of said polarizers, it being possible for the above elements to be separated, stacked, mounted on top of each other, coated on top of each other or connected by means of adhesive layers.

14. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is a TN, HTN, AMD-TN or STN liquid crystal display.--
